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Technical Assistance Grants

What are they?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making grants of up to \$50,000 available to community groups at "Superfund" sites to hire technical advisors. The role of the advisors is to help citizens understand and interpret site-related technical information.

The community group receiving the grant must provide 20 percent of the total cost of the project. This local share can be either cash or in-kind services. Only one Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) award is given per Superfund site; however, the grant may be renewed.

What can the technical advisor do?

The technical advisor can review site-related documents, then meet with the group receiving the grant to explain technical information. The technical advisor can help the group communicate its site-related concerns to the EPA, as well as provide information to the community. The commitment of the applicant group to share information with others in the community is a particularly important factor in EPA's evaluation of any TAG application.

TAG funds may not be used to develop new information (for example, additional sampling) or to underwrite legal actions.

Who may apply?

In general, eligible groups are groups of people who live near a Superfund site, and whose health, economic well-being, or enjoyment of the environment are directly threatened by contamination at the site. Any group applying for a TAG must be nonprofit and incorporated under the laws of its state. Incorporation need not be done until after the grant has been received.

Who is not eligible for TAG funds?

Potentially responsible parties (those potentially responsible for, or contributing to, the contamination problems at a Superfund site) are not eligible.

Academic institutions, political subdivisions, and groups established and/or sustained by governmental entities are also not eligible.

How you can find out more

Qualified groups may apply to the EPA. If you would like more information about Technical Assistance Grants, please call or write:

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